

To: Della Collins

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From: Bruce Dickens
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Della,
I am resending the fax I sent you earlier because I'm not sure you received it.

The Fax is a letter from the Law Firm that Guy Gosnell was employed.

In the last line of the first paragraph, it is stated that '...we regretfully cannot
Represent you in any future matters involving this case.'

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VIA UPS-GROUND

Re: Dickens U.S. Patent Application
 Serial No.: 08/725,574; Filed: October 3, 1996
 Entitled: *"Date Formatting And Sorting For Dates Spanning The Turn Of The Century"*;
Our File No.: 8190-119; Boeing File No.: R-8729

Dear Bruce:

Enclosed is a copy of the file history for the above-referenced patent application. Specifically, the enclosed packet includes a copy of the patent application and supporting documents, as well as all correspondence between our firm and the Patent Office relating to the application. This packet is forwarded to you free of charge as a courtesy from our firm. We must remind you, however, that due to the pending transfer of ownership of this patent from The Boeing Company to you and in light of our current representation of Boeing, we regretfully cannot represent you in any future matters involving this case.

In this regard, we must remind you that although the application has issued into a patent and all fees associated with its issuance have been paid, there are additional matters that must be attended to throughout the life of the patent. Specifically, the Patent Office requires payment of periodic maintenance fees to maintain the patent in force. These maintenance fees must be paid during the third, seventh, and eleventh years of the life of the patent. Failure to timely pay these fees may cause the term of your patent to prematurely expire. As such, we would recommend that after the patent has been transferred to you, that you contact either the Patent Office or appropriate patent counsel to ensure that these maintenance fees are timely paid.

Best wishes with your patent and associated business concerns.

Very truly yours,



W. Kevin Ransom

Enclosures

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